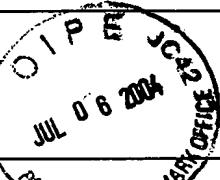


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Applicants hereby appeal to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the decision of the Examiner made in the Final Office Action dated February 2, 2004 finally rejecting claims 10-16.

Applicants also respectfully request a one-month extension of time in which to respond to the Final Office Action dated February 2, 2004, for which a response period expiring on June 2, 2004 was set in the Advisory Action of June 22, 2004. The extended period expires on July 2, 2004. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of the 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(1) extension fee of \$110.00 to the deposit account of **Kenyon & Kenyon**, deposit account number **11-0600**.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of the 37 C.F.R. § 1.191 Notice of Appeal fee of \$330.00 to the deposit account of **Kenyon & Kenyon**, deposit account number **11-0600**. The Commissioner is also authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment in connection with this paper to Deposit Account No. **11-0600**.

Respectfully submitted,

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